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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An ink for ink-jet recording comprising an anionic self-dispersing coloring agent, a surfactant having both of a cationic moiety and a nonionic moiety, and water;

wherein a curve, which represents a change of surface tension of the ink with respect to a concentration of the surfactant, has one inflection point, the curve has a first local maximum point and a second local maximum point on a low concentration side and on a high concentration side of the inflection point respectively, and a concentration of the surfactant contained in the ink is higher than a concentration corresponding to the first local maximum point.

- 2. (Canceled).
- 3. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 2 1, wherein the cationic moiety is N, and the nonionic moiety is ethylene oxide.
- 4. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim $2 \frac{1}{2}$, wherein the surfactant is an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the following general formula (1):

$$R^{1}$$
— N (CH₂CH₂O)_Y— H (CH₂CH₂O)_Y— H

wherein R^1 represents alkyl group having a number of carbon atoms of 8 to 18, and x and y represent integers which satisfy x+y=5 to 15.

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5. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 4, wherein x and y represent integers which satisfy x + y = 5, and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.25% by weight.

- 6. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 4, wherein x and y represent integers which satisfy x + y = 15, and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.15% by weight.
- 7. (Currently amended) An ink cartridge which accommodates the ink for ink-jet recording as defined in claim $2 \underline{1}$.
- 8. (New) An ink for ink-jet recording comprising an anionic self-dispersing coloring agent, a surfactant having both of a cationic moiety and a nonionic moiety, and water,

wherein the surfactant is an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the following general formula (1):

$$R^1$$
—N $(CH_2CH_2O)_X$ —H $(CH_2CH_2O)_Y$ —H

wherein R^1 represents alkyl group having a number of carbon atoms of 8 to 18, and x and y represent integers which satisfy x+y=5 to 15.

9. (New) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 8, wherein x and y represent integers which satisfy x + y = 5, and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.25% by weight.

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10. (New) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 8, wherein x and y represent integers which satisfy x + y = 15, and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.15% by weight.

11. (New) An ink cartridge which accommodates the ink for ink-jet recording as defined in claim 8.